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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO:  
CONGO

REF: A) STATE 203061 B) SCHAUFELE-OBENGA MEMCON OF JUNE 6, 1977

1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF A, MISSOFF CALLED ON CONGOLESE MISSOFF AMPAT AT THE CONGOLESE MISSION ON AUGUST 30 TO DISCUSS US VIEWS ON C-24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO. AMPAT WAS DIFFICULT TO REACH AND DIFFICULT TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH ONCE REACHED. HIS SECRETARY NOTED IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST TELEPHONE MESSAGE THAT AMPAT HAD COMMENTED THAT AS THE US IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE C-24, HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IT WAS THAT WE WANTED TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT. NEVERTHELESS, AMPAT WAS A CORDIAL AND INTERESTED, IF RELATIVELY UNINFORMED, PROTAGONIST IN THE FLESH.

2. AMPAT SAID THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONSENSUS STATEMENT BUT WOULD GIVE ANY SUCH STATEMENT CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WHEN IT IS SHOWN TO HIM. MISSOFF REFERRED TO FOREIGN MINISTER OBENGA'S STATEMENT TO FORMER ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE (REF B) THAT THE GOC TAKES THE POSITION OF NON-  
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INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, AND IN RESPONSE TO AMPAT'S REQUEST, SAID HE WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCERPT OF THAT PART OF THE MEMCON WHICH DEALS WITH PUERTO RICO. AMPAT SAID THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT C-24 MEMBERS HAD SOUGHT INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CUBAN DRAFT RESOLUTION IN EXPECTATION OF A VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION ON FRIDAY,

SEPTEMBER 2.

3. MISOFF THANKED AMPAT FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN US VIEWS ON C-24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO TO HIM AND ASSURED HIM OF READINESS TO RESPOND TO ANY ADDITIONAL POINTS OF INFORMATION THAT MIGHT ARISE.

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